

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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- 91.40 Fees for courier service and facsimile of the analysis report.
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Subpart A—Administration

§ 91.1 General.

This part consolidates the procedural and administrative rules of the Science and Technology Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service for conducting the analytical testing and laboratory audits with quality assurance reviews. It also contains the fees, charges and laboratories applicable to such services.

§ 91.2 Definitions.

Words used in the regulations in this part in the singular form will import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand. As used throughout the regulations in this part, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms will be construed to mean:

Analyses. Microbiological, chemical, or physical tests performed on a commodity.

Applicant. Any person who requests services provided by the Division.

Legal holidays. Those days designated as legal public holidays specified by Congress in paragraph (a) of section 6103, title 5 of the United States Code and any other day declared to be a holiday by Federal Statute or Executive Order. Under section 6103 and Executive Order 10357, as amended, if the specified legal public holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be considered the holiday, or if the specified legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered to be the holiday.

§ 91.3 Authority.

The Division Director is charged with the administration of this subchapter.

Subpart B—General Services

§ 91.4 Kinds of services.

(a) *Analytical tests.* Analytical laboratory testing services under the regulations consist of microbiological, chemical, and certain other analyses, requested by the applicant and performed on tobacco, seed, dairy, egg, fruit and vegetable, meat and poultry, and related processed products. Analyses are performed to determine if products meet Federal specifications or specifications defined in purchase contracts and cooperative agreements. Analyses are also performed on egg products as part of the mandatory Egg Products Inspection Program.

(b) *Examination and licensure.* The Division administers examinations and issues licenses to chemists to certify the grade of cottonseed.

(c) *Quality assurance reviews.* The Division performs on-site laboratory quality assurance reviews (both required and voluntary) to ensure that appropriate technical methods, equipment maintenance, and quality control procedures are being observed.

(d) *Consultation.* Technical advice, statistical science consultation, and quality assurance program assistance are provided by the Division for domestic and foreign laboratories.

§ 91.5 Where services are offered.

(a) Services are offered to applicants at the Science and Technology Division laboratories and facilities as listed below.

(1) *Science and Technology Division regional laboratories.* A variety of tests and laboratory analyses are available in two regional multi-disciplinary Science and Technology Division (S&TD) laboratories, and are located as follows:

- (i) USDA, AMS, S&TD, Midwestern Laboratory, 3570 North Avondale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60618.
- (ii) USDA, AMS, S&TD, Eastern Laboratory, 2311-B Aberdeen Boulevard, Gastonia, NC 28054.